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Title: STABILIZED CYCLOSILOXANES FOR USE AS PRECURSORS FOR LOW- DIELECTRIC CONSTANT THIN FILMS	) Customer No.: 25559
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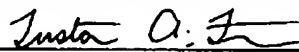
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT IMPOSED IN AUGUST 5, 2005  
OFFICE ACTION IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/650,282**

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Sir:

This responds to the August 5, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application.

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**Elections/Restrictions**

In the August 5, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement against claims 1-24, and required that an election be made between:

Group I: Claims 1-15, drawn to stabilized compounds, classified in class 556, subclass 401;

Group II: Claims 16-22, drawn to process of making stabilized compounds, classified in class 556, subclass 401; and

Group III: Claims 23-25, drawn to process of depositing a thin film on a substrate, classified in class 438.

**Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I claims 1-15, drawn to stabilized compounds.**

The traversal is based on the fact that the rationale for the restriction is in error. The compounds recited in claims 1-15 are the same as those recited in process of making claims 16-22 and process of using claims 23-25, insofar as the specifically recited stabilized compounds are concerned, and thus are not independent and distinct from claims 1-15, as is necessary under 35 U.S.C. §121 as a basis for proper restriction.

It therefore is requested that the restriction requirement be reconsidered, and that claims 1-25 be retained in consolidated form for further examination and prosecution on the merits.

If the restriction requirement between the compounds and the methods of making and/or using is nonetheless made final, applicants alternatively request rejoinder of method claims 16-25 under the provisions of MPEP §821.04 upon confirmation of allowable subject matter of the composition claims 1-15, consistent with the Examiner's indication that withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP §821.04 (see August 5, 2005 Office Action, page 3, footnote 1).

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In addition, in the August 5, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner imposed an election requirement against claims 1-25, indicating that they are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species.

**Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the siloxane reagent tetramethylcyclotetrasiloxane (TMCTS), which corresponds to the disilane compound (II) in claim 3.**

For ease of reference, the siloxane reagent TMCTS, wherein R = H, R' = Me and n=4, corresponds to claims 1-15.

To ensure full responsiveness, applicants also hereby elect, with traverse, the mixture of the free-radical inhibitors and end-capping agents as the stabilizing agents.

It is understood that upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claims, as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

**Conclusion**

Based on the foregoing, pending claims 1-25 are in form and condition for examination. If any additional issues remain, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919)419-9350 to discuss same.

Respectfully submitted,



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